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Xiaoguang Meng and George P. Korfiatis Trustees of Stevens Institute of Technology APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR WATER

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1 Pages of Abstract
19 Pages of Specification
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1 Return-addressed Postcard

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